

HKSYM Christmas Drinks

Date: Tuesday 8th December

Venue: Love Die Late, 114 Great Portland St London, W1W 6P

Time: From 6.30pm

London is getting ready to turn on the Christmas Lights and the Hong Kong Society Younger Members Group would like to invite you to join in with their festive celebrations at Love Die Late, which has been described as a flirty and fun café by day and a glamorous drinking den by night.



Tapas will be served during the evening. Drinks can be purchased from the cash bar and up until 8pm, you can take advantage of their happy hour, offering 2 of their custom-crafted cocktails for only £12. If cocktails aren't to your taste, they also serve beers, wines, soft drinks and mocktails, so plenty to choose from.

We really hope you can join us!

Hong Kong Society AGM

Date: Thursday 19th November 2015

Venue: HKETO, 18 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JA

Time: 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Notice is given that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November in the 'Ferris Wheel' room at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, at 5.45pm, by kind permission of the Director-General. The agenda will be distributed nearer the date but will include the election of some committee members and approval of the accounts. This will be a good chance to provide feedback, particularly on the programme and activities of the Society.

Entrance to the AGM is free. Members who wish to attend are asked to register by email communications@hkas.org.uk or telephone 020 7963 9447.

Following the AGM, Ms Priscilla To, Director-General of the HKETO will give a short update on the current situations in HK. There will then be an opportunity for Q&A's.

The AGM will be followed by an early evening supper at a nearby Chinese Restaurant (5-10 minutes walk). Those who wish to join the supper are asked to inform the office and to bring cash with them on the day. The total all-in price will be no more than £25.

Meet the Mentors Dinner

Date: Monday 16th November 2015

Venue: The Oriental Club, Stratford House, 11 Stratford Place, London, W1C 1ES

Time: 7.00pm Drinks, 8.00pm Dinner

A dinner for a maximum of 35 members with four experienced mentors, all involved in the banking, accounting and legal sectors, is being planned for the evening of Monday 16th November.

Two Bankers, an accountant and a lawyer will relate their experiences to those attending and share their views and perceptions. This dinner is suitable for all those thinking of embarking on careers in these industries; it will be an informal and useful exchange of information and discussion.

The event will be in a Private Room in the elegant and comfortable Oriental Club.

In the chair:

Mark Patterson retired from Standard Chartered Bank in 2013, having worked there since 2004. He has also worked in Hong Kong for 12 years as the CEO of Deutsche Morgan Grenfel. He is currently a Consultant in Financial Services and is also a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Society.

Carrie Waley is the founder and CEO of Mandarin Consulting, the leading career coaching consultancy for the Chinese with offices in the UK, US, China and Hong Kong. Since 2007, Mandarin Consulting has helped thousands of Chinese worldwide to embark and progress in their international careers. Also a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Society.

The Mentors:

Peter Alexander - A qualified accountant who has spent the last 10 years advising clients on acquisitions, mergers, investments and disposals around the world. Based in London, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Indonesia. Now an Associate Director in KPMG Deal Advisory.

Huw Jenkins - A solicitor with 24 years experience of Hong Kong and now a partner at Clifford Chance. He has extensive experience on infrastructure, gaming and power projects; financing of property, telecoms, aircraft, shipping and corporate acquisitions; export credit, multilateral and tax based financings and securities issues.

John Morewood - Now the Head of Emerging Talent at HSBC, he has responsibility for formulating and implementing a joined up talent strategy for graduates and non-graduates. He has had a wide and impressive range of management roles in HSBC.

David Nabarro - A widely experienced city practitioner with 40 plus years corporate finance and broking experience in UK and overseas. Authorised and regulated by FCA. Founded Hampden & Co, a new UK Private Bank. He also currently manages Mathengine PLC Investment Portfolio.

Regional Lunch in Hampshire

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2015

Venue: The King's Head, Hursley, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2JW

Time: 12.00 for 12.45pm



The Society has once again booked a room at this widely acclaimed pub which is easily accessible from the M3 and a few miles to the heart of Winchester, for a lunch for those members who live in the region.

Members will be asked to choose ahead of the day, a main course, pudding and coffee/tea (included in the price). Drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

All members who live anywhere near are cordially invited to attend. It would be a good chance to catch up with friends and with news of Hong Kong.

HKS Younger Members Karaoke Night

Date: Friday 9th October

Venue: Firecracker, 44 Horseferry Road, Westminster, London SW1P 2AF

Time: 18.00 until 01:00 (close)



Due to popular demand, HKS YM group will be organising a karaoke night at Firecracker in Westminster. What better way to follow up the Annual Dinner and to meet fellow Hong Kong Society Younger Members than singing your heart out to Backstreet Boys or S Club 7?

Firecracker is one of the finest venues in London, where we have hired a private room which will be available from 6.00pm until closing. The rooms are very spacious, and the songlist is updated every two weeks.

The evening itself will include a selection of party menu delicacies such as inside-out chicken wings, crispy squid with spicy salt and jasmine smoked ribs with honey five spice sauce, all served with fried noodle with beansprouts and egg fried rice. There will be a mixture of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, so whether you like to sing, eat, or both, there'll be something for everyone.

Hong Kong Society Annual Dinner

Date: Thursday 1st October 2015

Venue: Hyatt Regency London - The Churchill, 30 Portman Square, London, W1H 7BH

Time: 6.30pm Cash Bar, 7.30 for 8.00pm Dinner

Dress: Black Tie but suits will be acceptable

During the dinner Sir David Tang will be in conversation with AA Gill.



Sir David Tang has wide interests and a distinguished history of furthering relations between UK and HK, but he is best known as the founder of the Shanghai Tang fashion chain. In 2005 he opened the China Tang restaurant at the Dorchester Hotel.



Now in his 60s, Adrian Gill has had an adventurous life. Having recovered from a decade in his 20s, which can only be described as racy; he, a chronic dyslexic, started writing in his mid 30s, combining a great skill at reviewing food and television with an acerbic wit and penetrating wisdom. He is much in demand in a great range of foreign and British publications and is no stranger to controversy. He writes regularly for The

Sunday Times, Vanity Fair, Australian Gourmet Traveller and a monthly agony column called Uncle Dysfunctional for Esquire. His writings are widely read and much enjoyed.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions after the two in conversation.



As in previous years, we will be showcasing Hong Kong culture at the Annual Dinner and this year, the society is delighted to welcome composer-pianist-conductor [Raymond Yiu](#) (姚恩豪) who will present new renditions of early Chinese popular songs, a.k.a. shidaiqu (時代曲).

Born in Hong Kong, Raymond came to England in 1990. He began writing music as a teenager, and took up composing again while he was studying at Imperial College. In 2014, he completed a doctorate in composition from Guildhall School of Music & Drama. He has worked with artists and ensembles including BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC Singers, Lang Lang,

London Symphony Orchestra, Silk String Quartet, Li Xiangting and Long Yu. [Symphony](#), for counter-tenor and orchestra, commissioned by the BBC, received its world premiere on 25th August as part of the [BBC Proms 2015](#), with soloist Andrew Watts, BBCSO under the baton of Edward Gardner.

HKS Younger Members Mid Autumn Festival Reception

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2015

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Tattershall Castle, Victoria Embankment, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HR

Kick-start your Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations and join fellow Hong Kong Society Younger Members on board Tattershall Castle, a floating paddle steamer restaurant and bar, berthed at Victoria Embankment.

Offering one of the finest views of River Thames and its landmarks, we will venture inside The Lounge, a beautifully wood-panelled room known for its warm and cosy setting with comfy Chesterfields.

A selection of canapés, mooncakes and teas will be served inside the private lounge with shared public access to the main bar and restaurant above deck.



HK - Past Glory - Future Story Reception in Hong Kong

Friday 18th September 2015

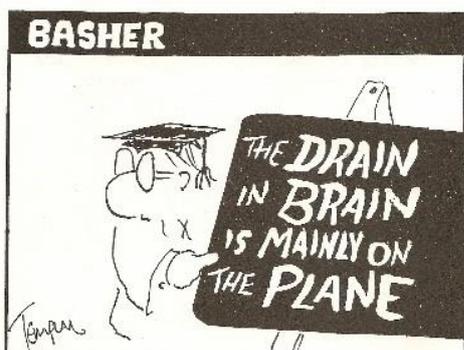
Venue: At the Residence of the British Consul General in HK, Opus, 53 Stubbs Road, The Peak, Hong Kong

Time: 6.00 - 8.00pm Reception - Drinks and Canapés will be served
6.30 - 7.30pm 'HK – Past Glory, Future Story'

A Light-hearted look at HK's past and future through the eyes of Templar's 'Basher', aka Chris Young, and literary luminary, Nury Vittachi

A private reception will be held again at the residence of HM British Consul General and co-hosted with our grateful thanks, by HM British Consul-General in HK, Caroline Wilson, and our HK Chapter Head, Mabel Au-Yeung. Karen Penlington Luard, the out-going Chairman of the HK Society, will also be in attendance. It is exclusively for members of the Hong Kong Society based in HK and of their guests who may interested in joining it. UK-based Society members who have plans to be in Hong Kong on that date are extremely welcome.

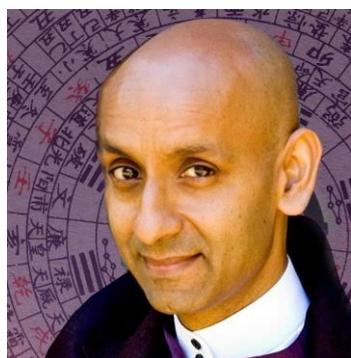
There will be short talks by two distinguished guests:



Chris Young (aka 'Basher' by Templar)

When barrister Chris Young's first 'Basher' cartoon by his pseudonym, Templar, appeared in the pages of the South China Morning Post on 1st January 1984, quality satire had finally arrived in Hong Kong. It was the same year as the Joint Declaration and for the next 15 years or so, readers eagerly scanned the pages of the SCMP for their daily fix. 'Basher' took the form of a portly middle-aged barrister, typically in a (HK) Club-like setting,

exchanging droll - and frequently wicked – quips with his drinking companion, Judge Baloney. Via a few choice cartoons, Chris will review some of the tumultuous years leading up to the arrival of Chris Patten ("A Patten Emerges.....") and the Handover.



Nury Vittachi

Nury is a highly esteemed journalist and author based in Hong Kong whose erudite columns are published in a variety of newspapers in Asia and his website. He is still admired as the witty scourge of the financial world that was the famed 'Lai See' column in the SCMP's business pages of the 80's up to 1997 and is known today for the comedy-crime novel series, The Feng Shui Detective. He is also noted for his role in founding the Asia Literary Review, the Hong Kong International Literary Festival, and the Man Asian Literary Prize, and was the Chairman of

Judges of the inaugural Australia-Asia Literary Award in 2008. Nury will look into his quirky crystal ball and give guests his unique version of what's in store for Hong Kong.

The Society aims to hold regular events in Hong Kong to promote greater cross-cultural relationships and engagement between residents in the city and the UK. We remain extremely grateful for the encouragement and support of the British Consul-General.

HKS Younger Members Summer Reception

Date: Tuesday 11th August 2015

Venue: Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, St James's St, London, SW1A 1LR

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: Free to attend - Drinks and Snacks available to purchase at the cash bar

The next event for our Younger Members will be held at the Royal Overseas League, by kind invitation from HKS Committee Member Jackie Yu Hon Lam and HKS member Nick Berry. This event is free to attend, drinks and snacks can be purchased from the cash bar. Space is very limited, offered on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority given to members of the Hong Kong Society.

Pre registration is required.

We will be saying farewell to Regina Lui, outgoing chair of the HKS YM committee and welcoming our new chair James Wong.
We hope to see you there!

Society Lunch in Gloucestershire

Date: Tuesday 21st July 2015

Venue: The Royal Oak Inn, The Burgage, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 3DL

Time: 12.00 for 1.00pm

Following the success of last year's lunch, the Society has again booked The Pavilion function room at The Royal Oak Inn, for a summer lunch. The Royal Oak is situated in the delightful village of Prestbury, on the outskirts of Cheltenham, and has featured in the Daily Telegraph Top 70 Inns in Britain. It's pretty, and the food is very well regarded. Members who have an interest in horse racing will probably know that it is almost impossible to get into The Royal Oak during the Cheltenham Gold Cup Festival!



All members who live anywhere within reach are encouraged to attend – and are cordially invited to bring with them any friends with connections to Hong Kong. Such friends who come to the lunch will be entitled to an attractive introductory membership fee if they join the Society before the lunch – as well as the lower rate for the lunch itself

Included will be canapes and a welcoming glass of bubbly, a two course meal, and tea or coffee to follow. Lots of opportunities to mingle. A cash bar for other drinks will be available throughout.

Karen Luard, Chairman of the Society, will attend and will give an update on events in Hong Kong; Robert Guy, Executive Director, will say a few words about the future direction of the Society

Alastair Scott is very kindly organising this event on behalf of the Society, and applications to attend, and questions as to details, should be directed to him.

The Business Cultural differences between the global Chinese Diaspora including British born Chinese

Date: Monday 13th July 2015

Venue: EY is kindly hosting this event in the Mulberry Room at 1 More London Place SE1 2AF

Schedule:

6.00pm - Registration

6.30pm - Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

8.00pm - Refreshments & Networking

Outline The aim of the event is to give, to members of the business community – especially those who are new to Asia and those who have dealings in the UK and Europe with British-born Chinese, better insights to the distinct, but sometimes subtle, differences in the business cultures of those from mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore & Taiwan and members of the British-born Chinese community.

Panellists will represent the differing cultures and will address the following issues

- Building business relations – ‘do and don’ts’ including food, fashion, humour or language ‘faux pas’ and generally showing respect.
- How would you best to impress a fellow business colleague from your branch of the Chinese diaspora?
- Who impresses you most? (e.g.: someone with education or money?)
- Do you value religion or a traditional Chinese medicine
- Historical rivalries and assumptions. National stereotypes for other branches of the Chinese diaspora. (e.g.: what is the Hong Kong view of a business colleague from Singapore or Mainland China)
- Attitudes to women and other ethnicities in business

About the participating organisations:

Ernst & Young (EY) and in particular the **EY Far East Network (EYFEN)** are venue hosts for this event.



EYFEN is one of EY's Diversity and Inclusiveness networks which supports the firm's priority to build a more diverse organisation. EYFEN is focused on delivering events and activities which help to connect its members to the market, help to develop members to enable them to achieve their potential

and provide opportunities for members to build their internal and external networks and also affinity for the business.



The Chopsticks Club is network of over 4,000 China interested professionals. We offer our Members, business & cultural China related events, HR services,

Cultural & Etiquette Training & Mandarin Lessons. Our USP is that 50% of our Membership is from China and 50% from UK /rest of the world. We are also a gateway to many of our Members' specialist China related services



Hong Kong Society's mission is to enhance and celebrate the close relationship between the UK and Hong Kong. It has 750 members and organises a lively series of events throughout the year, relevant to a wide range of interests, particularly those involved in business

Society Annual Lecture

Free Trade's First Missionary: Sir John Bowring in Europe and Asia - Philip Bowring

Date: Thursday 9th July 2015

Venue: East India Club, 16 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LH

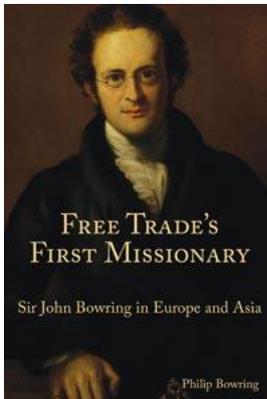
Time: 6.00pm Cash Bar, 6.30pm Lecture, 8.15 - 9.30pm Supper



We are delighted that Philip Bowring has accepted our invitation to attend and give a talk at our annual lecture.

Mr Bowring is a journalist resident in Hong Kong since 1973 when he became Business Editor of the Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER). He was regional correspondent for the Financial Times for two years then returned to

the FEER as Deputy Editor and later Editor. He left in 1992, following FEER's takeover by Dow Jones, and became an independent columnist for the International Herald Tribune, and consultant on regional issues. He now writes fortnightly columns for the SCMP and occasional ones for the Wall Street Journal. He also contributes to www.asiasentinel.com, of which he was a founder. Prior to Hong Kong, Bowring worked as a financial journalist in Sydney and London. He has a history degree from Cambridge University.



His biography of Sir John Bowring, fourth governor of Hong Kong, has recently been published. Reformer and polymath, Sir John Bowring (1792–1872) was an archetype of the ambitious men who made Britain the leading power in the 19th century. Born to a modest trading family, an amazing aptitude for languages led him to trading, poetry and radical politics in Britain and Europe. Taken up by the philosopher Jeremy Bentham, he became a literary figure but his emphasis was always on action rather than theories. He became a high-profile advocate of free trade and a liberal foe of Karl Marx. As a member of parliament, he supported full suffrage and other radical causes. He modernized Britain's public accounts, invented the florin,

and became an iron and railway entrepreneur. Losing his money in the 1848 slump, he was appointed consul in Canton and superintendent of China trade. This led to his controversial governorship of Hong Kong, his start of the Arrow war with China, and negotiation of the Bowring Treaty with Siam. He was, with mixed success, an accidental imperialist as missionary for free trade, liberalism and scientific progress, all still in Hong Kong's DNA. A cash bar will be available from 6.00 pm and for a short time after the lecture.

A 2 course supper with Philip Bowring and other participants will be organised in a private room in the club after the lecture, finishing no later than 9.30pm.

Scottish Region Lunch

Date: Friday 26th June 2015

Location: Royal Overseas League, 100 Princes Street, Edinburgh.

Time: 12pm for 1pm

Our speaker on this occasion will be Roy Dewar

I have decided that due to my proposed speaker being unable to attend this year that it is time to share with our members my experience of Banking in Hong Kong in the 1980s and 1990s. I have several tales to tell, not least my experience of a Bank Run in August 1991, which I hope you will find interesting and amusing. With all the bad publicity about bankers recently I hope that I may be able to put a positive face on the industry in Hong Kong.

Roy Dewar

Scottish Region Convener

Working in Hong Kong

A Forum & Reception hosted by Standard Chartered Bank
and organised by

the Hong Kong Society with the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, London

Date: Thursday 25th June 2015

Location: Standard Chartered Bank, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD

Time: 6.30pm Forum Starts, 7.30pm Networking and Refreshments

This forum is aimed at those who are not citizens of Hong Kong but who are thinking of working there. We are fortunate to feature a special briefing on the revised Immigration and Visa Regulations in HK from a Principal Immigration Officer from the ImmD, Hong Kong. The Director-General of the HKETO in London will also provide an update on the current situation in HK.

The forum will be joined by senior members of the Hong Kong Society, who will talk about what it is like to work in Hong Kong and recruiting expert Hays, who will provide information on the current availability of jobs.

Thanks to our generous host, there will be good opportunities to network over drinks after the formal session.

Speakers

Erica Ng, Director-General, HKETO, London

Wong Hing Wa, Principal Immigration Officer, Immigration Department, Hong Kong

Karen Penlington Luard, Chairman, HKS

Mark Pamplin, Hays

Mark Patterson, HKS Committee Member

Hong Kong Society 'Summer Party in Bournemouth'

Date: Saturday 13th June 2015

Venue: Ocean City Restaurant, 38 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH1 3PD

Time: 12.30 for 1.00pm



Committee Member, Carrie Kwan Waley is organising a dim sum lunch party in Bournemouth for Society members and their families. It will be held at a fantastic Chinese restaurant serving very authentic Cantonese food with dim sum as their speciality! Where better to go to for a mid-summer reunion than beside the sea at the weekend?

There are local attractions in this popular seaside resort to visit after lunch. The Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum (entry £5 per head) is fifteen minutes' walk from the restaurant and is described as a 'treasure-trove', with over 1,000 objects and works of art on display including a particularly well known Japanese collection.

Or there is also a walk along the award winning Bournemouth beach before or after the meal.

We aim to sit down at 1 p.m. Please bring your friends to, or form a table for, this special occasion!

Society Supper in West Sussex

Date: Tuesday 26th May 2015

Venue: The Noah's Ark Inn, The Green, Lurgashall, West Sussex GU28 9ET

Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm



The Noah's Ark is a beautiful 16th century Inn situated in the picturesque village of Lurgashall, overlooking the cricket green and nestled beneath Blackdown Hill on the borders of Surrey and West Sussex. The Society has again taken a 40-seat private room in this highly recommended pub. The food is very good.

There will be a two course meal (three choices for each course will be offered to those attending plus coffee). A cash bar will

be available throughout.

All members who live anywhere near are cordially invited to attend. The aim of this supper is to have a reunion of friends who know Hong Kong. It will only be really successful if members come along if they can and also encourage their friends from HK to come too. Please do spread the word about the event and encourage as many others as possible to attend.

Visit to Chelsea Physic Garden

Date: Wednesday 6th May 2015

Location: 66 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HS

Time: 10.45am - 2.00pm



A peaceful green oasis in the heart of London, away from elections and other distractions, the Chelsea Physic Garden is a home to a unique living collection of over 5,000 different edible, useful medicinal and historical plants. This '3.5 acre hidden gem' was established in 1673 as the

'Apothecaries' Garden and it continues to play an active part in developing cures and comforts.

After the one hour guided tour of the garden the party will walk five minutes to a private room in the 'Coopers' Arms in Flood Street. There will then be a 20 minute talk over a simple lunch by Julie Ji, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and Council Members of the Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine, on how plants and herbs can be used medicinally and to prolong comfortable life.



Programme:

10.45am	Gather at Chelsea Physic Garden
11.00 - 12.00pm	Guided Tour of the Chelsea Physic Garden
12.30pm	Light Lunch and talk by Julie Ji
2.00pm	Close

Cocktail hour with Hong Kong Society

Date: Wednesday 1st April 2015

Location: The Mitre Lancaster Gate, 24 Craven Terrace, Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3QH
(Nearest station: Hyde Park Corner)

Time: from 6.30pm



Our next Hong Kong Society social event will be at the Mitre Lancaster gate, organised by the Hong Kong Society Young Professionals Group.

This is a self-funded, casual event, so please feel free to come and go as you please and invite your friends to join too! We hope to see you there!

Meet the Mentors Supper

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2015

Venue: London Capital Club, 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW

Time: 7.00pm Drinks, 7.30pm Supper

Our next "Meet the Mentors" Supper will be for a maximum of 35 members with four experienced mentors who have been involved in the Media, PR and Communication industries, on the evening of Wednesday 18th March. This is the second in a series of the 'Meet the Mentor' Suppers, each one focussing on a specific sector.

The aim of these suppers is to ask 4 people who are experienced in defined sectors to relate their experiences to those interested in joining the same professions and to share their views and perceptions. It will be an informal and useful exchange of information and discussion which will provide advice, pointers and anecdotes.

The dinner will be in a Private Room in the elegant and comfortable London Capital Club, which is part of the Palmerston Hotel & Resorts Group, an active member company of the Hong Kong Association.

Booking is required. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

In the chair:

Carrie Waley is the CEO of Mandarin Consulting. She is a pioneer for career coaching for Chinese graduates entering international job markets. Every year, her company has helped several hundred university students and graduates to embark on their career. She is a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Society.

Mark Patterson retired from Standard Chartered Bank in 2013, having worked there since 2004. He has also worked in Hong Kong for 12 years as the CEO of Deutsche Morgan Grenfel. He is currently a Consultant in Financial Services and is also a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Society.

The Mentors:

Laurence James, Founder & CEO, Eurasia Partners

Over 20 years of media experience, mainly focused on the Asia Pacific market, which includes roles at the SCMP and the Economist in Hong Kong. His expertise includes government liaison, event sponsorship sales, publishing, advertising revenue (digital, online, broadcast and print) and thought leadership/research based pieces. He is also proficient at raising the profile of emerging market countries on the international stage, and building media businesses from scratch to highly successful levels.

Betty Lau, Director of Sales and Marketing, Shangri-La Hotel at the Shard, London

Director of Sales and Marketing, Shangri-La Hotel, At The Shard, London. She has held Director of Sales and Marketing position with the Shangri-La Hotels since 1998, and has worked in Beijing, Wuhan and Shanghai, and for the past 3 years in their Corporate Head Office in Hong Kong, responsible for Special Projects. She received her Bachelor Of Business - Hotel Management at Victoria University in Melbourne.

Sarah Walton-Smith, Marketing, Danone Advanced Medical Nutrition, Nutricia

Has worked in Marketing for Danone since 2009. Previous roles include Communications Director at the Institute for Complementary & Natural Medicine, Associate Director at Cohn & Wolfe and Senior Account Director at Galliard Healthcare Communications Ltd.

Andy Westlake, CEO, Fast Track

In the sponsorship business for over 22 years – nine years working with media owners and in the last 11 years as CEO of Fast Track, a company which he started. Fast Track is part of Chime Communications Plc, the international communications and sports marketing group. Prior to Fast Track, he spent four years at Mediaedge CIA as Managing Director of their sponsorship division and worked in sponsorship in commercial radio, at both Capital Radio and EMAP.

Hong Kong Society Chinese New Year Dinner 2015

Date: Tuesday 24th February

Venue: Imperial China Restaurant, 25a Lisle Street, London WC2H 7BA (China Town)

Time: 6:30pm Cash Bar, 7.00pm Dinner

Price: £36 HK Society members, £45 non-members

Dress Code: Chiniserie or Jacket & Tie

Chinese New year 2015, which falls on the 19th February, is the start of the year of the Sheep. It is the eighth sign in Chinese astrology and number “8” is considered to be a very lucky number. It symbolizes wisdom, fortune and prosperity.

You are invited to come and celebrate with the Chairman and others. We are once again returning to one of our favourite Chinese restaurants in the heart of London’s Chinatown - the Imperial China - where we have booked a private room for our Chinese Banquet.



The price includes all food and Chinese Tea but not other drinks which will be available for purchase at the cash bar.

Society Women's Group Winter Lunch With Guest Speaker: Tayma Page Allies

Date: Monday 12th January 2015

Venue: The Oriental Club, Stratford House, 11 Stratford Place, London W1C 1ES

Time: 12.30pm Lunch



The Society Women's Group has invited Tayma Page Allies to its Winter Lunch.

Born in Malta, Hong Kong-based Tayma Page Allies grew up in the Caribbean and West Africa. After completing graduate and postgraduate studies in Britain she taught French, English and Italian in Africa and Britain before moving into public relations. In 1985, she moved to Hong Kong and started studying gemology. Five years later she founded Tayma Fine Jewellery to fulfill her passion for wearable coloured gemstone jewellery.

Tayma Fine Jewellery celebrates 25 successful years of operation in 2015 and she will share her inspiration for her designs and business success at the lunch.

She specializes in exclusive one of a kind creations, often working closely with a client to achieve a perfect match between personality and gemstone.

Her elegant and sophisticated designs are showcased in a glamorous showroom, an oasis of colour and style in the prestigious Prince's Building in Central, Hong Kong.

A colourful background has produced a colourful style. Growing up by the sea has given Tayma her love of ocean colours, so aquamarines and sapphires are among her favourite jewels. However she says she is equally passionate about Paraiba, watermelon tourmalines and kunzite. "In fact, anything unusual and beautiful gem intrigues me," she says.

Chairman Karen Luard will ask Tayma to talk over lunch, about how she got going in Hong Kong, how she met the many challenges and how she has developed her range and a very successful business.

The price will include all drinks, wine and a 2 course lunch in a private room in the Oriental Club, which has recently joined as a member of the Hong Kong Association.

LSEU HKPASS Hong Kong Entrepreneurship Competition 2014-15

The Competition

Teams of between 2 and 6 students from any UK-based university will be required to present to a panel of judges a business plan based on the capital requirement and the unique business environment in Hong Kong. Special credit will be given to proposals which address a social issue in HK.

The Entrepreneurship Competition organised during the 2013/14 Academic year by the students of the London School of Economics HKPASS (LSE Hong Kong Public Affairs and Social Services Society) was a great success. The Society played a full part in its organisation; the competition was sponsored by HSBC and enjoyed strong support from CBBC, HKETO, HKTDC, Invest Hong Kong and others. Particularly valued were the 36 mentors (one per team), mostly members of the HK Society and HK Association, who provided encouragement, guidance and support to the teams. The winning team won a very generous cash prize and onlookers were genuinely inspired by the quality of the entries and of the teams.

The competition is going to be repeated in the coming academic year. Its aim is to foster an awareness, within the university community, of Hong Kong business opportunities and to generate a sense of entrepreneurship among the students.

Not only serving as a learning platform for young entrepreneurs, this competition, which is open to **ALL** universities in UK, brings to the notice of future business leaders Hong Kong and its business potential.

HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION 2014-15

Our Contribution

The HKPASS (Hong Kong Public Affairs and Social Services Society) has asked the Hong Kong Society and Association to recruit 36 mentors (one per team).

* It will be the responsibility of teams to consult their mentors, who would provide on the telephone, by email or face to face, encouragement advice or insights on an occasional ad hoc basis.

* Mentors should if possible be experienced businesspeople (important) with Hong Kong backgrounds (desirable).

* It will be for the teams to make all the running and not the mentors. Effort and time involved will vary, depending on the teams and mentors. A few teams in 2014 made no contact at all; most expressed huge gratitude to their mentors.